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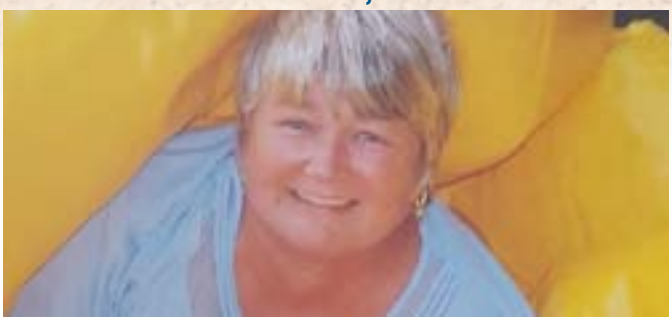

The family of the late Caroline McDermott (Shanganagh Park House) would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support given to them in their time of sadness.

Mandy, Barbara, John & Ross

SHANKILL DAY CARE CENTRE

Céilí dancing classes are set to begin this month in the Shankill Day Care Centre on Lower Road. Starting date is Tuesday the 17th of April and the class will run from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. We're going to need at least 8 people to get up and running and there'll be a small charge of €6 per person. Múinteoir will be local Shankill resident Seán Ó Raghallaigh.

For more info contact Seán at *seanseosamh@gmail.com* or phone 087 6900 710 / (01) 430 5407

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED INFORMATION

A support network for separated, divorced, and divorced and remarried people meets regularly in Shankill. All are welcome to contact the network by texting 087 3646067 or by emailing us at listeningear14@gmail.com. All communications will be guaranteed complete confidentiality and everyone will be warmly welcomed.

Place: St. Anne's Resource Centre.
Date: Second Tuesday of every month.
Time: 8pm

SAGE - Shankill Action for a Green Earth

Duncan Stewart - Environmentalist *(RTE Eco Eye presenter)* will give a lecture entitled **How Communities Can Respond to the Global Climate Crisis** in St Anne's Resource Centre, Shankill on Thursday April 26th at 8pm

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OVERVIEW OF THE STEPS INVOLVED IN BUYING A HOME

At some point in your life you may wish to buy a home. This document is an overview of the different stages involved.

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has a step-by-step guide to buying a home on its website. Before you decide to buy find out what you can afford. It is important to evaluate all costs involved in buying a home, for example, mortgage costs, legal fees, registration of deeds and stamp duty. The amount of money that you can get as a mortgage loan is governed by Central Bank lending limits. If you have calculated that you can afford to buy a property, taking all of these factors into account, then you are ready to buy. **Get a good solicitor.** Conveyancing is the legal work involved in buying or selling property. Conveyancing charges can vary between solicitors, so it is worth contacting several solicitors to compare prices. You can use the Law Society's website to find a solicitor in your area.

FIND A PROPERTY YOU LIKE AND CAN AFFORD - Property websites, auctioneers and estate agents are the main ways of finding property for sale. There is a public register of auctioneers and estate agents on the website of the **Property Services Regulatory Authority.** Sometimes individual sellers advertise their property themselves. Newspapers may also have property supplements or publish advertisements for properties for sale. The Property Services Regulatory Authority publishes a Residential Property Price Register. It contains information on residential properties bought in Ireland since 1 January 2010. You can check the register to see what price was paid for a property if it was sold since that date – a useful indication of property prices in an area.

All homes for sale must have a **Building Energy Rang (BER).** A BER will inform you how energy efficient the home is. It will help you make an informed choice when comparing properties. It also offers guidance on steps that can be taken to improve the energy efficiency of a property. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends that you check whether the home is in a High Radon Area on its Radon Risk Map and enquire as to whether the home has been tested for radon. More information on radon in homes is available from the EPA. **Get a survey done.** A seller is under no obligation to disclose defects in a property. You should get a survey of the property done to find out if there are any defects before finalising the purchase. **The Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland (SCSI)** is the professional body for chartered surveyors. Get mortgage approval. Very few people can buy a home without getting a mortgage. A mortgage is a long-term loan secured against the property you buy. This means if you don't repay your mortgage you may lose your home. There are different types of mortgages and different mortgage providers. Contact a number of different mortgage providers to find out who can offer you the best deal. More information on mortgages and choosing the best one for you is available from the **Competition and Consumer Protection Commission.** You can get mortgage approval in principle before you start to look for a property; this will let you know how much you have to spend. However, when you find a property you like, you must get formal mortgage approval before you sign the contract for sale. If you sign a contract for sale and subsequently don't get mortgage approval, you will lose your deposit and there may be other financial penalties.

HOW TO BUY THE PROPERTY YOU WANT - The two most popular methods by which properties are purchased and sold are: Private treaty sale - where the property is not put into an auction. You can contact the seller or the seller's agent, usually an estate agent, to agree a purchase price. If there is an estate agent involved, once you have agreed to buy the property you may be required to pay a booking deposit to the estate agent. The legal process to buy the property may only start when the estate agent receives your booking deposit. This deposit is refundable up to the signing of the contract for sale. Your mortgage provider will give you formal mortgage approval and issue you with a loan pack. You will need to think about mortgage protection insurance and home insurance. You can organise these with your mortgage provider but it is advisable to shop around. When your solicitor has checked the contract for sale, you will sign it and pay a deposit (less any booking fee).

PUBLIC AUCTION - Notice of the date and time of the auction is usually advertised in a local newspaper, estate agent or by a sign on the property. A reserve figure is set for the property, usually by the seller or the auctioneer. The reserve figure is the value the property must achieve; anything below this and the property will be withdrawn from the market. At all times during the auction, however, the vendor (seller) can withdraw the property from the market, even if it has achieved the reserve figure. The vendor can also reserve the right to sell the property before the auction. Before the auction takes place, your solicitor should check the contract for sale for the property (issued by the seller's solicitor) and all title documents that are referred to in that contract. When your solicitor has satisfied his or her enquiries, you can organise a survey of the property to ensure it is sound. It is also advisable to get **formal mortgage approval** for the property you wish to bid for. The successful bidder immediately pays a deposit and signs the contract for sale. It is important to get home insurance as soon as possible after the auction. **Regulation of estate agents and auctioneers** is under the Property Services (Regulation) Act 2011. Estate agents and auctioneers are regulated by the Property Services Regulatory Authority. It is important to remember that the estate agent or auctioneer is acting on behalf of the seller and is acting in the seller's interest. If you have a complaint against an estate agent or auctioneer, you can write to the PSRA .

SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR SALE, which binds the parties to the completion of the sale. If you withdraw from the sale after this contract has been signed, you may lose your deposit. If you buy at auction you must immediately sign the contract for sale. If you buy through private treaty your solicitor will check that the contract is in order before you sign it. In the case of new developments this contract for sale usually includes "building agreements" as most properties these days are sold and developed by the same company. In the past, but now rarely, one company would sell land to a buyer and a different company would build on it. In such instances, the contract is actually a "contract for sale and building agreement" but in almost all residential sales, a contract is simply known as a contract for sale. The completion date will be set out in the contract and the balance of the agreed purchase price will be due on that date.

CLOSING THE SALE - after signing the contract and before the completion date of the sale, your solicitor raises some general queries about the property with the seller's solicitor. **Requisitions on Title** are a standard set of questions relating to the sale of a property that deal with such things as whether fixtures and fittings are included in the sale. When your solicitor gets a satisfactory reply to Requisitions on Title, a **Deed of Conveyance** is drafted by him or her and approved by the seller's solicitor. Your solicitor makes arrangements for searches to be made against the seller to ensure that there are no judgements lying against the seller (for example, bankruptcy or sheriffs' searches). Your solicitor should also conduct a search where the title to the property is held (either in the Land Registry or the Registry of Deeds) to ensure that there is nothing adverse attaching to the property, for example, an outstanding mortgage. Once the Deed of Conveyance is approved by the seller's solicitor, your solicitor will contact your mortgage provider to request the issue of the approved loan cheque. This is the remaining balance of the purchase price. It is paid to the seller's solicitor and all documentation, and keys to the premises are handed over to your solicitor.

STAMP DUTY - Your solicitor will calculate how much stamp duty is due and request this from you before the closing of the sale. The stamp duty is paid to the Revenue Commissioners, who place a stamp on the deeds. Without this stamp, the deeds cannot be registered. The deeds name the owner of the property. **After the sale is completed** - your deeds, showing the new ownership details and mortgage details, if relevant, must be registered with either the Registry of Deeds or the Land Registry. The **Property Registration Authority (PRA)** is responsible for both systems of registration. Your solicitor will continue to assist you with finalising the deeds to your house with the PRA. This can take from months to years to complete. Even if it does take a long me, you are still the owner of the property and, if you wish, you can sell the property before registration is complete.

MOVING HOUSE - There are many things to do when moving house, for example, redirecting your post and changing your details on the electoral register.

Further details of all aspects of buying and selling a house e.g. deposits, Fees, insurance, Stamp Duty, mortgages etc. are available on www.citizensinformation.ie. (Source: www.citizensinformation.ie)

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FORGET PERFECTION, MIND YOURSELF

by Ailish Connelly

Most of us are well informed. We have lots of knowledge of ways to boost our health and our lives. At times we chide ourselves at an enormous rate if we don't conform to what we think we should do.

We should run marathons and be skinny minnies and eat morsels of delicious organic food spun by celestial fairies; we should have perfect lives and spotless houses with designer gardens and we should wear beautiful, tasteful clothes. We should travel to fabulous places and we should be well read and up to date, good at IT and at sports. Good at everything in fact!

Our jobs must be challenging, interesting and well paid. Our children must be perfect too…all the better to reflect our own impeccability. They should achieve top marks at school, have tons of friends and go on to marry and breed with other similarly sublime creatures.

Phewww. What kind of awful pressure are we putting on ourselves? On our families? On our environment? I'm exhausted just thinking of this cult of perfectionism.

Instead, I invite you to consider being good enough. And here are some easy ways to boost your sense of wellbeing by being perfectly good enough.

Exercise

Stretch when you climb out of the scratcher…yes one good long stretch, perhaps one learnt at a class or a yoga move such as cat/cow or fling your arms over your head. A good stretch starts the day well.

Walk instead of taking the lift.

Walk at lunchtime round the block.

Exercise for 1 hour 3 to 4 times a week. Get moving and get your heart rate up.

Get off the bus one stop earlier or leave the car at home and walk to the shops etc.

Healthy eating

Plenty of water keeps you hydrated. 6 to 8 glasses a day or try herbal or fruit teas. Don't drink fizzy soft drinks.

Tea and coffee, no more than 3 per day. As they are diuretics you won't retain enough water in your system if you drink too much caffeine.

Sit down at a table to eat and use cutlery. You are less likely to overeat and you will feel more likely to savor your food. Eat slowly and you will get less indigestion.

Snack on fruit. It a simple way to get vitamins and minerals plus water and fibre into your diet.

Buy a good brand of multivitamin and take one per day. Biocare, Viridian, Solgar, Sona and Udos are some good brands. Don't buy supermarket vitamins. They are full of fillers and you won't be getting the right dosages or best ingredients. The exception to this is Vitamin C which is generally ascorbic acid and is fine.

Relax

Deep breathing can bring about a wonderful sense of calmness to one's overactive mind. Try counting in and out breaths while lying on your back on the floor on a rug or carpet. Pu your hand on your tummy, feel it rise and fall; count those breaths.

Try to focus on one thing at a time. Stop the ticker tape run of must do jobs in your head and concentrate on the job in hand. It will reduce stress.

Daydream…its great for the overworked mind. A few minutes out of your busy day, whilst in a queue or traffic and you will feel less flustered.

Grab some *'me time'*. Soak in a bath, read a book, watch the changing clouds, catch up with a good film, or listen to some music. Lyric FM is wonderful for dialing down the stress levels and its great while driving.

Who needs perfection anyway? Its overrated, maybe even boring. Being perfect is certainly stressful. Kick back, be good enough and enjoy the coming (dare we hope) of spring.

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SAVING VERSUS INVESTING - *How to make the right decision for you based on your financial goals*

Most people put their savings into a regular savings or deposit account. This will give you a predictable, low rate of interest; you get a little extra on top of what you put in. Regular saving is a great way to build up money over time to meet your financial goals. Saving is typically for smaller, shorter-term goals (usually 3 years or less) like going on a holiday, buying a car or saving for a deposit to buy a house. Investing can help you reach more long-term goals (at least 4 or 5 years away) like saving for your child's college education. Investing is also a good option to consider if you've acquired a lump sum, through earnings, inheritance, or redundancy.

What to invest your money in is a big decision. There are a large range of investment options and funds to choose from. The type of investment product suited to you will depend on the amount you want to invest and the level of risk you are happy to take. Usually, the greater the potential return you want from your savings and investments, the greater the risk you need to take.

Investing can seem like a complicated process. There is a wide selection of investment products available in Ireland and it is hard to know which option will suit you. Therefore, it is always a good idea to talk to a financial adviser before deciding.

There are four main types of investment, which are often called asset classes – equities, bonds, property and cash. Each one works in a different way and carries its own particular rewards and risks. An investment fund will generally hold some or all these different asset classes. The fund manager will buy and sell the different asset classes hoping that their value will increase over time. Many funds invest in a mix of assets. These funds allow you to invest in a range of assets, countries and market sectors, spreading your investment across many different companies and bonds. The fund manager can adjust the asset mix of the fund in anticipation of changing market conditions. Funds that invest in a wide range of asset classes can carry less risk as they are well diversified.

A financial advisor will be able to recommend the most suitable product for you based on your personal circumstances and financial goals. A good financial adviser will compare the investment options available to you and recommend the most suitable product for you, taking in to consideration the asset classes that the fund invest in, how the fund has performed in the past, the annual management charge in place etc.

Do you have a lump sum that you would like to invest? Would you like to start regularly saving for your child's college education? Why not talk to your local financial broker, Shankill Financial Services.

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CHRIS & IVAN'S ROAD 2 MERSEYSIDE

A much loved adopted son of Shankill, Chris Heywood is a lifelong fan of Everton FC as he was born and bred in Liverpool. Chris has worked in Brady's in Shankill for over 20 years and wants to give something back to his much loved Irish community, so he has set himself a 300km challenge. He and his good friend Ivan will cycle from Brady's to Everton Goodison Park in Liverpool arriving on time to see Everton beat Liverpool in this year's Merseyside Derby at the beginning of April!

All this effort will be in aid of two very local charities. The ***'Road 2 Merseyside'*** will support Saint Joseph's Shankill & Shankill Old Folks Association.

And of course the John Brady Group, are fully supporting Chris and Ivan in this adventure. Kicking off with a coffee morning on Thursday the 29th of March in Brady's from 10am.

This year on Friday the 30th of March, will be the first year that pubs will be open on Good Friday and Brady's will be doing 'Good' Friday to support The Road to Merseyside initiative. The team in Brady's promise to have a full day of exciting activities for all the family, including;

- Easter egg hunt and arts and crafts for the children from 10.30 – 12.30
- Face painting 12.30pm – 2pm
- Kids eat free all day
- And on Friday night from 8pm an on site team cycle and head shaving for willing volunteers!

Come and join the fun when Brady's does Good Friday!

The two charities are working together to support Ivan and Chris' efforts too and a huge thanks to the committee Anne, Patricia, Fionnuala, Emma, John, Doreen, Diarmuid and all those who attended the first fundraiser a coffee morning at Saint Joseph's, The Shankill Old Folks will be holding one too so don't miss out on the goodies!

There will be another coffee morning and sale of work in Shankill Day Care Centre on Thursday the 5th of April from 10am – 1pm.

Saint Joseph's Shankill at Crinken Lane is the only care home in Ireland solely dedicated to dementia care. Our vision is to lead the way in dementia care in Ireland, providing highest quality, person centred care to our residents, where their home, happiness and feelings matter most to us. For information or to volunteer ot donate to support the work of Saint Joseph's email saintjosephs@sjog.ie or call +353 1 282 3000 www.saintjosephsshankill.ie CHY 18282

Shankill Old Folks Association based on the Lower Road in Shankill provides a variety of services and activities: Day Care Centre, Meals on Wheels, Wednesday Tea Club, Monthly Booksale, and is a focus for a range of volunteering opportunities.

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A message from Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD

Dear Constituents,

Shankill Notes

- Stonebridge Road Pitches: I have had a number of representations regarding the need for improved facilities. I am working with Cllr. Jim Gildea on these, the need for a water connection on the site requires planning permission to be applied for, by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2013. I am delighted that progress is being made at last, it is very positive news for Shankill GAA.
- Shanganagh Castle Housing: Approximately 540 housing units will be built at this location, following a cross party-proposal which would see a mixture of social housing, affordable housing and rent to buy housing on the site. An application for Stage 1 approval has been submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and a full design team is being procured through the Office of Government Procurement framework.
- Quinn's Road Allotments: The move to Quinn's Road is set to happen during the second week of April. This is a very exciting time for all involved. There will be 95 allotments on site, with 30 of these being made available to people on the waiting list. There will be a strong emphasis on active participation, neglected or unattended plots will be allocated.
- It was an honour to join Shankill Tidy Towns, Cllr. Jim Gildea, and other elected representatives at the tree planting ceremony at Stonebridge Park to celebrate National Tree Week 2018. The entire community was represented – Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, SAGE, representatives from the Churches, Gardaí, CRANN, and residents young and old. The Trees for All project, planting 1 tree for every resident in Shankill was completed in 2016, but the planting continues, not just because the population of Shankill continues to grow, but also to increase the biodiversity of the area.

Picture with: Eoin Bennett, Chairman, Shankill Tidy Towns, Diarmuid McAree, CRANN - Trees For All & Ruairi O'Dúlaing, Senior Parks Superintendent, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

Technological Universities Bill

The Technological Universities Bill has now completed all stages, in both houses of the Oireachtas and will soon be signed into law. This is a transformative piece of legislation and I am delighted that we have got it over the line. The Technological Universities Bill is a high priority for Government and will radically change the higher education landscape.

Project Ireland 2040

Project Ireland 2040 is the Government's overarching policy initiative to make Ireland a better country for all of us. It is informed by the Programme for a Partnership Government 2016, by the National Planning Framework to 2040 and the National Development Plan 2018-2027.

Project Ireland 2040 prioritises the wellbeing of all of our people. By 2040 we expect that an additional 1 million people will live in Ireland, an additional 600,000 people will work here. More people will be travelling to work, school and universities, more buildings will be needed to accommodate them, clean water will be needed for homes, farms and industry, more and better care facilities will be required for the elderly.

Roadmap for Pensions Reform

At the end of February a major reform of future State, private and public service pension provision was announced. It aims to create a fairer and simpler contributory pension system where a person's pension outcome reflects their social insurance contributions. In parallel, it aims to create a new and necessary culture of personal retirement saving in Ireland. Six key features of the roadmap are:

- A Total Contributions Approach (TCA) for the State Pension (Contributory) will be introduced from 2020, including a new 'Home Caring Credit';
- The value of State pension payments will be maintained at 34/35% of average earnings. Future increases will be explicitly linked to changes in prices and/or wages;
- A new 'Automatic Enrolment' retirement savings system will be introduced from 2022 to support and encourage personal savings provision;
- Improvements in pension scheme governance standards and regulatory capacity;
- Reforms to public service pensions to ensure the sustainability whilst safeguarding the delivery of promised retirement benefits;
- Greater individual flexibility in retirement decisions and support for fuller working lives in both public and private sector employment.

Referendum on the 8th Amendment

The referendum will be the first time in a lifetime that many Irish people will have a vote on this issue, the youngest people entitled to vote in the last referendum will be 53 now. Whatever your opinion on the subject, it is important that people exercise their democratic right to have a say on polling day.
You can check if you are on the electoral register on checktheregister.ie or on hard copy registers which you can find in your local library, Garda Station or the offices of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

Join Me for Coffee

I will be hosting a coffee morning on Friday 27 April in Brady's of Shankill from 10.30-11.30am. If you would like to attend please contact Michelle on 01-8892197, or email michelle_tobin@education.gov.ie

I am sincerely committed to working for my constituents in Shankill and the rest of the Dun Laoghaire Constituency. If I can be of any assistance, on any national or local issue please contact me at mary.mitchelloconnor@oir.ie or call my constituency office on 01-8892199. Constituency clinics take place the first Friday of every month, by appointment. Please contact Patrick in my office if you would like to attend.

Yours sincerely
Mary Mitchell O' Connor TD
Minister of State for Higher Education

Shankill Classical Music Club

Women Composers

Check out a concert of new music in Dublin these days and the chances are that one or more of the composers will be female. It wasn't always so, here or elsewhere. Indeed, women composers over the centuries have struggled to have their music performed, never mind published. Often the ones best remembered nowadays from past eras owe at least part of their fame to their association with a better-known man.

Clara (1819-1896) and Robert (1810-1856) Schumann

So when she was putting together a programme for our session on the eve of International Women's Day, Barbara Dunne did indeed feature Fanny Mendelssohn (sister of Felix), in a movement from a piano trio; Alma Mahler (wife of Gustav, who insisted that she stop composing after their marriage!)), in a song; and Clara Schumann (wife of Robert), in a movement from her piano concerto. She generously allowed the men to elbow their way onto the playlist as well, in each case in relatively familiar pieces.

But there were some more obviously independent spirits as well. None more so than the redoubtable Dame Ethel Smyth, almost as well known as writer and active suffragette as for her music. The overture to her opera The Wreckers, dating from around 1902-4, was as lively and invigorating as the name suggests (the opera is set among Cornish villagers who profited by steering unsuspecting ships onto the rocks and plundering the contents!).

Lili Boulanger is nowadays less well known than her older sister Nadia, also a composer but better remembered as a legendary teacher of composition in mid-20th century Paris. But had Lili lived longer than her twenty-five years, it might have been different, as her few completed compositions are very highly regarded. There was time here for only a short piece for violin and piano. From a generation earlier, and altogether more conventional in style, the music of Cécile Chaminade was represented by two of her piano pieces.

A short piano piece from the classical era by the little-known Maria Bigot, a pianist and friend of Beethoven, and a bustling movement from the neo-classical Concerto for String Orchestra by the Polish composer Grazyna Bacewicz, dating from 1948, provided refreshing contrasts to the mainly romantic fare.

And to end we had a movement from a very recent French recording of one of Johannes Brahms's string sextets. How so? Barbara's favourite composer, of course, but earning his place here by his nearly inseparable and almost lifelong friendship with Robert and Clara Schumann!

For further information see the website or ring John O'Hagan (087-210 9175).

For full details of all the pieces and performers, see our website http://www.shankillclassical.org. Shankill Classical Music Club meets at 7.45pm on the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) in the Old Folks' Association Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. New members and visitors are always welcome.

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Recipe

by Vivien Reid

This recipe for fruit pie is a time saver – especially if you buy ready made shortcrust pastry!

Rhubarb is young and tender in April and strawberries are readily available all year round. However you can make the pie with a variety of fruits, see other suggestions in the tip at the end of the recipe.

Free-Form Fruit Pie

Serves 6–8

Easy-to-make sweet pastry, plenty of fruit and a sprinkling of sugar – that's all you need for this comfort-food classic.

For the pastry

240g/8½oz plain flour, plus extra for dusting
115g/4oz butter, chilled and cut into cubes
75g/2½oz caster sugar plus extra for sprinkling
pinch of salt
1 large free-range egg, plus 1 small beaten egg for brushing
2 tbsp iced water

For the filling

500g/1lb 2oz rhubarb, cut into 2.5cm/1in pieces
200g/7oz strawberries, hulled and sliced
2–3 tbsp caster sugar, to taste
2 tsp icing sugar, to decorate (optional)

To make the pastry, put the flour in a mixing bowl or food processor. Add the butter, sugar and salt and rub everything together using your fingertips until it has the texture of fine breadcrumbs. (Alternatively, pulse in the food processor.) Add the large egg and iced water and mix or pulse together until well combined. Tip out onto a work surface and bring together into a ball of pastry. Wrap in cling film and put in the fridge to rest for 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 200C/Fan 180C/Gas 6. Line a baking tray with non-stick baking paper.

Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured work surface to a rough circle approximately 35cm/14in diameter. Using the rolling pin, lift the pastry onto the baking tray. Sprinkle the rhubarb over the pastry, leaving a rim of about 5cm/2in. Scatter the strawberries on top of the rhubarb, then sprinkle the fruit with the 2–3 tablespoons of sugar.

Fold up the pastry edges to make a pie with an open centre. Brush the pastry with the beaten egg and sprinkle with the remaining sugar.

Bake for 30–35 minutes, or until the pastry is golden and crisp and the fruit is cooked. Sieve the icing sugar over the pastry to serve if you wish.

Recipe Tip:
To make an apple and cinnamon pie, arrange 3 peeled, cored and thinly sliced dessert apples in a spiral over the pastry and scatter with 1–2 tablespoons caster sugar and 2 tsp ground cinnamon.

To make a peach and blueberry pie, arrange 3 small peaches, stones removed, and thinly slice them in a spiral over the pastry and top with a handful of blueberries. No need to add the sugar.

Other fruit combinations would be good too.

Recipe from www.bbc.co.uk

TidyTowns

Shankill Tidy Towns – It's A Matter Of Pride

CLEAN UP DAY

This year our Annual Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday 21st April and we're hoping for our biggest turn out ever. We'd like people to clean up their own areas in the morning and then help with communal areas and projects in the afternoon. At 2pm we'll have a workstation at the top of Quinn's Road and outside the Garda Station so please come along and help us get Shankill clean, tidy and looking it's best. We have jobs for all ages and abilities so no excuse!!

DOG OWNERS

A special plea to dog owners to keep your dogs on leads in public spaces and to clean up after them. It's not fair to people especially the elderly and children who are afraid of dogs so please be mindful of them. Although most dog walkers are responsible and pick up after their dogs some owners just let their dogs out to foul around their areas, especially on pavements around the schools where children have to walk. Quinns Road is a particular black spot. Please use the dog park and other designated spaces to let your dogs run free. We received a small grant from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council to help us tackle this serious problem.

NATIONAL TREE WEEK

In 2016 Shankill Tidy Towns after 4 years completed it's Trees for All Project, planting 1 tree for every resident in our Community (approx. 13,000). As our Community has increased since 2016 we are holding a tree planting ceremony to increase the number of trees and replace trees destroyed by Hurricane Ophelia. Thankfully Storm Emma mainly broke branches and not whole trees. The Ceremony arranged by Shankill Tidy Towns kindly supported by DLR Parks Dept and Crann was held on 7th March at Stonebridge Playing Pitches on Stonebridge Road. On a lovely sunny afternoon we had a wonderful turn out with people representing local groups. We had an ecumenical tree planted by representatives from our 3 local churches. We had representatives from the 3 Primary schools, local Residents Associations and SAGE. Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor attended and our thanks to the Councillors who attended. This area will soon become a lovely area to walk around and enjoy the fresh air provided by our new trees and they'll also provide shelter from the wind and reduce noise from the motorway.

LIG DO SCÍTH

With the help of DLR we installed a bench in the Main Street at the corner of Aubrey Park. The bench is a resting place for anyone especially the elderly to have a rest and watch the world go by. We've named this sunny spot with a wonderful view of the mountains "LIG DO SCÍTH" (rest your legs). This is part of our on-going project to make Shankill a Age Friendly Village.

WORK PARTIES

Our work parties continue to meet outside Brady's on Tuesdays at 10:30am and Saturdays at 10:30am. We will start our Thursday night team from Thursday April 12th so plenty of opportunity to join us for an hour and a half without any commitment – we're just happy to see you when you can make it.

In the Summer we'll have a need for flower beds, planters etc., to be watered regularly. We need people in different areas (without taking up much of their time) to look after these plants in their own immediate area. The judging period is 1st June – 31st August so we need lots of help to keep the Village litter free and looking great during these months if we are to retain our Silver Medal status.

HISTORICAL WALK ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

This Community event was very successful with a large group people participating. Everyone seemed to enjoy the walk and there was huge interest in the Historical talk by Rob Goodbody on the Rathmichael Cross, at Old Rathmichael Church and Graveyard and Rathmichael Ring Fort or Rath. Most people were fascinated that we had so much history on our doorstep and most of us had limited or no knowledge of these very old places. Photos to follow in the next edition.

SHANKILL OLD FOLKS DAYCARE CENTRE

BATTLING THROUGH THE SNOW

The big story for this month was of course the snow. It's always a difficult decision to make as to whether to close the Daycare Centre, when so many people look forward to coming, and depend on us for their midday meal. In the end, the decision was made for us, but we couldn't let down those who depend on us, and our valiant staff and volunteers ensured that meals were prepared and delivered in advance of the blizzard so that no one who needed a meal was left without one. The booksale also opened on the first Saturday of the month as always, thanks to the dedication of Macel and her band of volunteers.

Our staff and volunteers are amazing and we owe them a huge thank-you. There is a true community spirit abroad in Shankill, and if anyone would like to join our band of volunteers in any capacity, please feel free to get in touch with Jacinta O'Sullivan at the Daycare Centre, tel: 2826364.

BACK TO NORMAL

We were back to normal the following Monday, and Aine O'Brien and friends entertained at the Wednesday Tea Club, when we celebrated the birthdays of Patricia McCann and Patricia White with a big cake and candles. Aoife also comes regularly into the Daycare Centre to lead and encourage our choir.

Aine O'Brien entertaining at the Wednesday Tea Club

Patricia White blowing out the candles at the Wednesday Tea Club

Staff Member Phil Lyons about to deliver Meals on Wheels in the Snow

Meals on Wheels volunteer Bernard Quinn about to brave the snow to make deliveries

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Retirement from Naíonra Pobail Seanchill
Slán agus go raibh maith agat

Cris Uí Bhriain (Chris O'Brien) founded the Naíonra in September 1994. She is now retiring after providing high quality care and education in the Shankill community for the last 23 years.

Cris always had an interested in education. As a young woman she worked on a voluntary basis in the Shankill Community Playgroup while raising her own family of seven children. In 1994 Cris took her love for children, education and the Irish language along with her desire to provide families with affordable high quality childcare and started a Naíonra in her home. That first year she started with space for 6 children. Over a number of years she worked extremely hard to get planning permission and a grant to build a community childcare facility called Croí na Coille, Naíonra Pobail Seanchill. It first opened its doors in September 2005. Naíonra Pobail Seanchill is a not for profit organisation and a registered charity. It caters for preschool and afterschool children 50 weeks of the year. It follows the High Scope Curriculum and immerses children in the Irish language.

Since it opened Cris has expanded the service to cater annually to over 70 families in the local community. She has worked with a lot of children over the years, some who came for one or two years and others who stayed for up to 10 years. She has had past pupils come back to do work experience as part of 4th year and Cris has loved seeing them as young adults. The service now has its first employee who was a pre-schooler in Cris's home all those years ago.

The staff would like to thank Cris for all her hard work and wish her all the best on her well-earned retirement. They will continue her legacy supporting families in the childcare service that she worked so hard to achieve.

Cris has great memories of working with many different families over the last 23 years. We are sure she would love to hear from the past and present Naíonra families and friends. We have set up an email address for anyone who wants to wish her well.
slancris@naionra-pobail-seanchill.com

community games
endless possibilities

At time of writing we are in full swing with Art Handwriting and Mini Rugby competitions due to take place next weekend (11th March). We will have results in next Scan issue but good luck to all those competing in Dublin Finals in April.

Remember our **Athletics sports day** takes place on 22nd April in Shanganagh Park. First race at 2.30pm please arrive early to register and receive number.

Meanwhile our **GAA** training continues every Sunday 5pm Shanganagh Park. No need to be a member of a club just live in Shankill area. Age groups boys U10 and U11 and girls U12 and U14.

A big thank you to **St. Anne's Parish** for their continued support in promoting community games and those who contributed to our recent Church Gate Collection. We are delighted to have DCC as our very generous sponsor for a second year running.

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Stonebridge Road the Big Move

Shankill Ladies Adult Football Team and some of the action. Many thanks to Gavin Kelly who supplied the pictures

The move to our new home in Stonebridge Road continues. We are delighted with our new full sized pitch and landscaping. Some problems have appeared and we are working with the DLR Parks Department to have them resolved.

The heavy mob after the work

National Tree Week & Shankill Tidy Towns

We were delighted to have the opportunity to plant a tree in our new home at the National Tree Week event organized by Shankill Tidy Towns. Our group worked very hard and got our tree firmly planted and staked.

Ruairi O Dulaing DLR Senior Parks Superintendent gets advice on tree planting from 2 year old Luke the youngest Shankill club member

The ladies football team was the first to use the pitch and was very positive about their experience. If you would like to be involved with the ladies team contact:
Steve Davis 087 6414123

Congratulations to the Graduates

Well done to our under 8 boys who have come through our Academy to play their first match. The boys will play in the Go Games series of matches where there is no grading or streaming of players and everyone plays at every match. Fun and learning is the name of the game and sitting on the side line is big "NO NO". If you would like your son to play with this group of boys contact Dave 087 9214834 or Eoin 087 9396747. **By the way watch this space... the under 8 girls are on the way.**

The LPI Awards
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Well done to James and Wayne who are short listed for the LPI Awards 2018. Great job lads.

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The Robert Flynn Story

Certain dates have special meanings to people, and just as 9/11 will always be remembered as the date of an awful tragedy, The Flynn family will always remember 10/11 and it is ironic that it also happened on American soil.

Our son Robert, then 32, had taken up employment with Digicel in Kingston, Jamaica in May 2010. In Oct 2011, Robert was returning to Kingston from Las Vegas and was waiting on a connecting flight at Miami International Airport when he suffered a Cardiac Arrest. A fellow passenger came to his aid initially. We believe that it took 10 -12 minutes for the paramedics to arrive. Robert was taken to hospital near the airport. He remained unconscious and on life support until late October, when he opened his eyes for the first time. The medical team got Robert to a point where it was safe to repatriate him to the Mater ICU in Dublin by air ambulance in early November.

Robert was placed on the waiting list for a bed in the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Dun Laoghaire when he arrived in the Mater. We were told it would be a minimum of 12 months before a bed would be available. After a period in ICU, the HDU and the Special Care Unit in the Mater, he was eventually moved to the Sacred Heart unit where tests were carried out to establish what had happened in Miami. This was later confirmed as LQT3, one of the categories of sudden arrhythmic death syndrome (SADS) associated with young men dying in their sleep. He remained in the Mater until late May 2012 when he was transferred to the Wellington Neuro Rehabilitation Unit in London. This became Robert's home for the next 5 months.

When the call finally came in Sept 2012 from the NRH advising that a bed was available, we were delighted and made arrangements to have Robert flown home from London. He arrived in the NRH in late October and within a few weeks we were told that a discharge date had already been set for Feb 2013. During the time Robert spent in the NRH, he was transferred to St Vincent's Hospital three times and went downhill very badly. When he was transferred to St Vincent's for the third time, he did not return to the NRH and with the cooperation of the staff in St Vincent's, he was discharged directly to Hamilton Park Care Facility in Balbriggan, in May 2013 and despite several departures, he is still there today.

In May 2016, we started a campaign of letter-writing, to newspapers, radio stations, politicians and anybody that we felt could be helpful in getting proper facilities put in place to treat young people with acquired brain injury (ABI). The lack of facilities for young people with ABI in this country is nothing short of criminal. The HSE solution to the problem is placement in nursing homes that are not equipped to care for them. The cost of keeping patients like Robert in such facilities is significant. The HSE and the medical experts are slowly but surely coming to the conclusion it is not the right solution. Legislation is planned which will allow the money to follow the patient. The current cost of care being funded by the HSE will be ring fenced and made available to families to care for family members at home. God knows how long it will take but when it happens, we intend to be ready to take advantage of this development.

We have gone to the expense of building an extension to our house to facilitate Robert coming home. As there are no care packages currently available from the HSE,

we will initially have to put this together ourselves. We are going to focus on getting together a team of trained Care workers and Nurses who reside within the Shankill area and who would be able to work a few hours at specific times on specific days. We will start by bringing Robert home at weekends on a regular basis. Not only will this be good for Robert, it will help us to iron out any complications we encounter before we attempt to bring Robert home on a permanent basis. Anybody we engage to do this work will be employed by the Robert Flynn Trust and the rates offered will be considerably better than agency rates. Our aim is to create a panel of experienced personnel we can call on and if you are interested and would like to be listed on the panel, please forward your details to:
brendan@robertflynntrust.org

EXPERIENCED CARE WORKERS AND NURSES REQUIRED

Do you have some time that you could put to good use and utilise the skills you have learned while earning some additional income?

We are a local family with a disabled son who suffered **Hypoxic Brain Injury** as a result of a Cardiac Arrest. He is presently in a care facility in Balbriggan and we would like to bring him home to Rathmichael.

We are trying to put together a team that we could call on to assist us, initially on weekends but eventually on a permanent basis.

If you are interested, we would like to talk to you more about our plans.

Please email your details to:
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WELL DANCE IN SHANKILL

by Patricia Kiersey

Dance Theatre of Ireland has recently been awarded a grant from the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Co. Age Friendly Initiative to offer modern dance classes for older adults (ages 50+) and, as signposted in the Community news section of SCAN last month, these classes are already underway at the Shankill Tennis club on every Wednesdays 1:45-3pm.

Numerous international studies have shown that dance is one of the most effective activities to offset and delay age-related illness. It helps promote happier, healthier, longer lives. Over the past 4 years Dance Theatre of Ireland have developed an evidence-based dance programme – called Well-Dance for Seniors --proven by Trinity College Dublin Occupational Therapy to improve mobility, mood, balance, confidence and quality of life. This programme combines a wonderful modern dance class with great music in a joyful atmosphere.

I can personally vouch for the fact that the classes are great fun. I have taken part in the Well Dance programme for over three years now, mainly in the Dance Theatre's studio in Dun Laoghaire, but on occasion in Shankill also. The classes in Shankill Tennis Club are on a drop in basis and cost €6.00 per class. Well Dance classes start with a warm up; then we learn short routines and are also given opportunities to dance in our own way. There is creativity, expression, connection, and much more than just exercise and it's all set to great music. Also, there are always chairs to sit down on if you need a bit of a rest.

There's more information about the programme on the Well-Dance web-page *http://www.dancetheatreireland.com/pages/WellDanceForSeniors.htm*

Dance Theatre of Ireland also has several other Dance & Health related programmes that take place in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area.

- **Dancing at St. Joseph's Dementia Village, Shankill**
  A new initiative with residents and day users at St. Joseph's. Well-Dance classes take place each Friday afternoon from 2:15-3:15. Contact Siobhan Grant at St. Joseph's for further information at 01 2823000 or email: *saintjosephs@sjog.ie*

- **Dancing Well with Dementia** – For people living with dementia and their care partners we offer weekly dance classes on Wednesdays at 1:45-3pm at the Holy Family Parish Centre, Bakers Corner, Deans Grange, in partnership with HSE Living Well with Dementia and the Memory Harbour, Clonskeagh. Telephone or email Joan Fitzpatrick for further information. (01) 2680392 joan or email: *fitzpatrick@hse.ie*

- **Dancing Well with Parkinsons**
  These weekly dance classes, taking place FRIDAY Mornings 11-12:30 at the Dance Theatre of Ireland studio in Dun Laoghaire at Bloomfields shopping Centre, next to the IMC Cinema, in conjunction with Move4Parkinsons have proven to be of great physical and emotional benefit to people managing Parkinsons disease. To register contact Diane, Move4Parkinsons.com (01) 295 0060 or email: *info@move4parkinsons.com.*

For additional information about Dance Theatre of Ireland and its Dance and Health related programmes you can also ring DTI at 01 280 3455 or 0872231455

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SHANKILL BOWLING CLUB

by Paddy Hughes PRO

Our indoor bowlers won two trophies this season – a singles and a team event. The Club are very proud of their achievements. The singles side was; Skip- Phil Cannon, Albert Tyson, Aiden Murphy, Fiona Bennett, Maura Hughes, Paddy Hughes, Manager - Eddie Seery. They won the ***"Watson Shield"*** - well done and congratulations!

The ***"Rock Cup"*** team winners are;

(1) Skip-Ian Mc Stay, Bea Tyner, Ron Shepherd, Joan McStay.

(2) Skip- Maura Bannon, Vera Mc Gurn, Charlie Hurse, Susan Farrelly. Subs- Margaret O' Neill, Stella O'Shea.

Congrats and well done! The Presentation of prizes will occur at a later date. Hopefully followed by a party!

CLUB COMPETITIONS

2 Bowl singles - 18 shots; Michael Cryan Trophy -18 shots; Mountain View Bowl -18 shots; Terry Jackson Cup (pairs) - 18 ends; Alex Tighe (pairs) - 18 ends; Ladies Champion; Mens Champion; Finals days - 29th/30th Sept.

Terry Jackson Motors, Shankill have given us a new silver cup to replace the older one, for their competition, for which we are grateful. This occurred after they had discussions with Frank Frazer, one of our top bowlers, on the matter. Thanks again to them and to Frank, for this lovely trophy.

The Ladies League is having their ***"Unfurling of the Flag"*** ceremony at CYM green on 11th April. League commences 18th April. Our Ladies have done excellent in maintaining their position in Div 1. So best wishes for 2018.

The Men are playing in Div 3 this year and have a good number of members willing to compete for team places. And let's hope more of them put themselves forward to make our strongest possible side.

It was with deep regret we heard of the passing of Carol Moore, former esteemed member, R.I.P.

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Cllr. Carrie Smyth

RE: 193 LIBRARY ROAD SHANKILL

I received representations from residents of Library Road and New Vale regarding the dirt of the road and parking of trucks/vehicles from the site on Library Road/New Vale. I con-tacted the Enforcement Section of the Planning Department and I received the following response:

"I refer to your email correspondence dated 22nd January, 2018, on behalf of a resident of New Vale, Shankill, in relation to the above location and note the contents therein.

The matter raised by you has been investigated, and the Planning Inspector for the Area has advised that the cleaning of the public road and parking issue has now been resolved with the Builder and on-site workers.

Accordingly, no further enforcement action is warranted on foot of your email hereunder."

Stonebridge Park

The Stonebridge site opened recently. Unfortunately, initially the pitches were not playable due to the weather and there is still not sufficient netting for the soccer pitch. The GAA pitch was playable in February. Once the clubs are in place and settled, the Sports Development Officer will be contacting the local schools to notify them of the availability of the facility.

Hopefully a Part 8 Planning process will begin shortly on the changing facilities that are to be provided. They were not included in the current works. The works carried out were to facilitate the clubs moving from the former Shanganagh Prison site i.e. netting, widen entrance, barrier, car park, footpaths.

I have submitted a question and motion to the next Dun Laoghaire Area Committee meeting on Municipal Services, which will take place on the 26th March requesting updates on these outstand-ing items.

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to ensure sufficient netting is installed at Stonebridge Park to facilitate both clubs using the new pitches and ensure the toilets are useable?*

Motion: That the Chief Executive report on the works to date on Stonebridge Park and begin the Part 8 process for the completion of the works at Stonebridge Park i.e. changing facilitates.

I will forward you the reply and report I receive at the Dun Laoghaire Area Committee meeting on Municipal Services, which takes place on the 26th March.

Regional Health Forum, Dublin

Question: *To ask the Manager for an update on the provision of a new Healthcare Centre for Shankill.*

Response: Shankill Primary Care Centre is proposed on the site of the existing health centre as part of a sale and leaseback of the site. The proposal for the interim relocation of the health centre is being finalised. Works will commence once the existing services have been relocated.

Councillor
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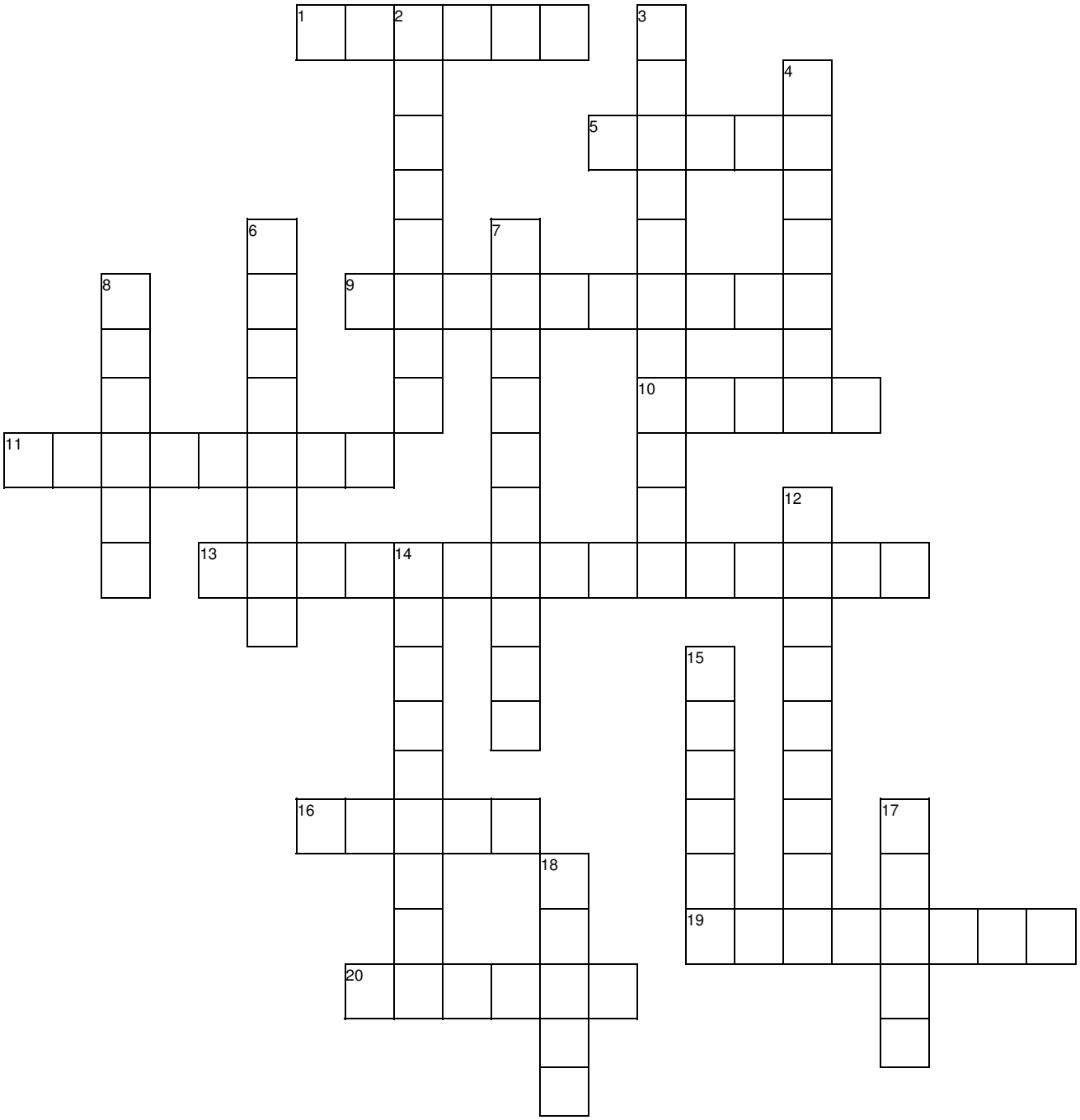

Across

1. Famous section of Italian Coast, South of Pompeii
5. Current sponsor of Landsdowne Road Stadium
9. Long projecting beam or arm, common in bridge construction
10. Tallest current member of Irish rugby squad, also ink in a printer
11. Jerry, of The Fighting Guests
13. A person empowered to act for their government especially in a foreign country
16. Composition of two or more voices
19. High voltage picnic, music festival
20. Smileys and other pictures sent in text messages

Down

2. To argue in favour of, especially in court
3. Surgery conducted for experimental purposes on live organisms
4. Famous Ronan, currently a Ladybird
6. Roman Emperor from AD 37-41
7. Alsatian city, seat of European parliament
8. Greek son of Daedalus
12. An ornate frame around a design or inscription
14. Social network created in 2010 by System and Krieger
15. Meghan, soon to be a princess
17. Wrinkle “treatment” from Clostridium bacteria
18. Flat “_____”, like a stronger latte with less milk

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SOUTH SHANKILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The annual South Shankill Residents Association (SSRA) AGM was held on Tuesday 30th January in the Bowling club. The meeting focused on the SSRA's key achievements in 2017 and the plan of action for the coming year.

Achievements in 2017

- SSRA 50th Anniversary Celebrations held in Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel
- SSRA constitution updated
- Engaged with Local Council/Councillors
- Contributed to SCAN, new Google Share and Facebook page
- Co-ordinated petitions/engagement via significant submission to DLR council re Shanganagh-Woodbrook LAP
- Supported local resident actions re Crematorium [Mercury pollution vs. Water]
- Letter sent to DLR regarding proposed LIDL development suggesting changes to building design
- Regular meetings held with Local Gardaí through Neighbourhood Watch
- Strong links established with Tidy Towns
- Met with other local bodies including Corbawn Residents Association
- Community events held including first ever Cherrington street party

Plan of Action for this year 2018

- To be a new member of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown (DLR) Public Participation Network (PPN)
- Opportunity to participate in the local authority's decision making and policy, to network with other communities, to get training in various disciplines including local government, etc. to support local community and to apply for community funding for local projects
- To take further action on vacant plot behind old shops on Quinn's road
- To engage further on Woodbrook-Shanganagh LAP with DLR council as plans progress in 2018.
- To engage with council regarding road engineering/ traffic issues which include the Quinn Road roundabout, speeding in village and Quinn's Road and other traffic control and safety issues
- To monitor and support action on Crematorium
- To develop better communications for the residents/ community
- To arrange further community events eg Street Party/ BBQ
- To review & engage on issues that are raised by SSRA members

In addition, the following committee members were elected on the night:

Chairperson: John Murray, Cherrington Road
Treasurer: Donal Quinlan, Shewsbury Road
Secretary: Dermot Aughney, Cherrington Road
P.R.O: Susan Somers, Shanganagh Grove

The local area street representatives were confirmed as follows:

Shewsbury: Donal Quinlan and David Clavin
Cherrington: John Murray and Dermot Aughney
Quinn's Road: Alison Kirwan, Eileen Wildes
Foxes Grove: Aileen Kane
Shanganagh Grove: Anna Whelan and Susan Somers
Aubrey: Charles Putney
St Annes's: Roisin Hutchinson

The SSRA aims to protect and improve conditions and amenities in the area of South Shankill for the benefit of members. Therefore we invite you to get involved and have a say in the decisions being made affecting your own community and environment. You can do this by becoming a member. You will shortly receive a membership application form. Please return your form and €10 annual subscription to your local area street representative.

For any comments or queries please contact:
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SCAN PHOTOGRAPHY SERIES - PART 7

by John Coveney

In previous columns, I've encouraged people to combine their photography and walking. This month, I've mapped locations for great shots within an hour or so's walk of the Main street in Shankill Village (numbers are approximate walking times in minutes, one way according to Google Maps).

1. Quinn's Road (18) & Corbawn Lane (15) for spectacular sea views from Bray Head to Sorrento Point. From either of these, you can walk alongside the impressive soft cliffs of glacial deposits south to Bray Harbour (40) or north to Killiney Bay (30). To avoid the possibility of being trapped, DO NOT walk the beaches at high tides especially in rough weather. Stay clear of the cliffs to avoid falling debris.

2. On your way back from Killiney Bay, you could stop at the stone age dolmen on the green at Cromlech Fields Estate (21) or the much more recent Shanganagh Park House (12) – now a community centre.

3. Shanganagh Park (16) can be accessed from the road to Bray, from the end of Quinn's Road, via St. Anne's Park or through Castle Farm Estate. It includes the busy section with the playground and sports fields near the main road, as well as the quieter section between the railway and the sea. These are connected by the footbridge over the railway (red dot) which also provides a fine view.

4. Adjacent to the Park is Shanganagh Castle (19) and its grounds with the allotments. There is a security cabin at the Castle but, so far, I've not been asked to leave!

5. The villages three Churches – St. Anne's (4), Rathmichael (20) & Crinken (17). St Anne's is perhaps the most obvious landmark in the village but not everyone may be aware of the locations of Crinken and Rathmichael Churches.

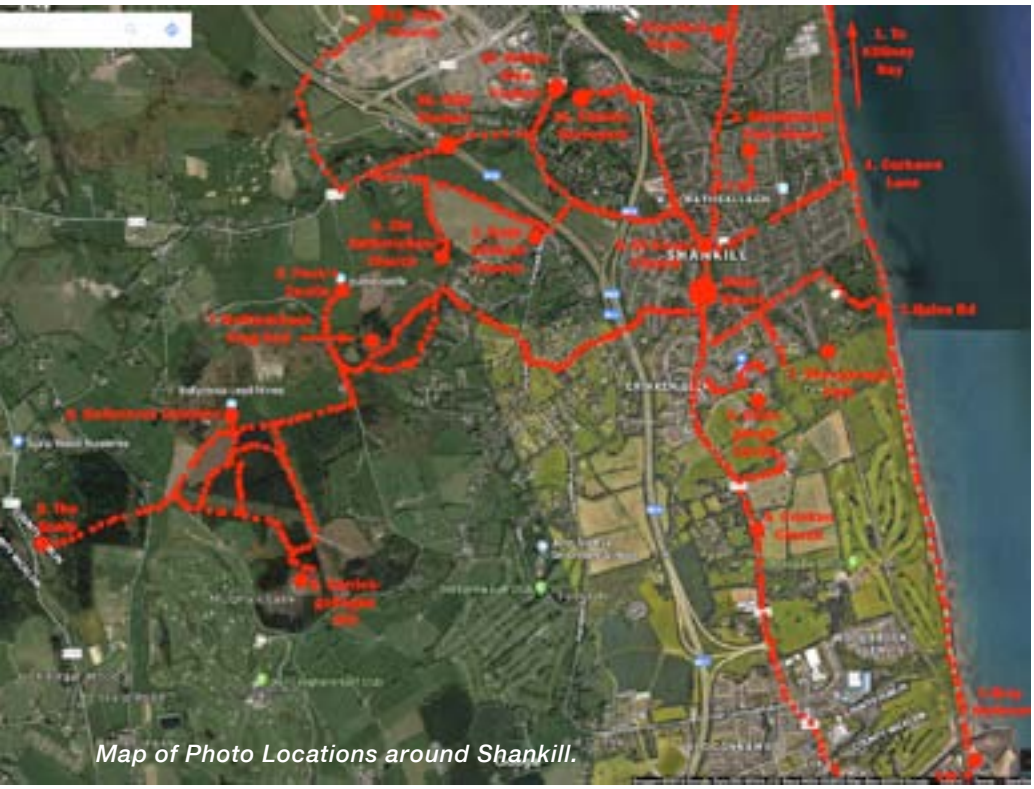
6. I suspect far fewer people know of the ruins of Old Rathmichael Church (35). To get to it, walk west on Rathmichael Road from Rathmichael Church and look for a lane to your left shortly before the junction with Bride's Glen Road. The old church and graveyard are just past a house at the end of the lane.

7. The best way to walk to Rathmichael Ring-fort (40) is via the Dublin Mountains Way www.dublinmountains.ie/dublin_mountains_way/dublin_mountains_way/. Start in the village, then follow the signs across the footbridge over the M11, along the Lordello Road, right on Ferndale Road and then left up an unnamed road that becomes a rough path. Where this comes out on the hill, take the right hand (upper) option to get to the fort. Although little remains of the three rings of what is believed to have been Ireland's largest Iron Age fort, it gives great views of Shankill and Bray while thinking of our distant ancestors.

8. From the fort continue along the Way to the Rathmichael Wood's car park on Puck's Castle Lane where you can turn right for the ruined Puck's Castle (50) or left to get to the rough path to Ballycorus Chimney (60).

9. From the chimney, there are several forestry tracks to Carrickgollogan Hill (70) for spectacular views of the whole area. If you are still not tired, continue west via the car park near the junction of Barnaslingen & Murphy's Lanes to overlook The Scalp (80) – a striking glacial spillway on the road to Enniskerry.

10. From Rathmichael you can access Tully Church (60) and Cross on foot via Heronford Lane that goes northwest from the junction of Ballycorus Road and Pucks Castle Lane. The lane become a path and crosses the M50 on a footbridge before leading up the hill to the church. The cross is in the field to the left. You could return underneath the impressive new M50 viaduct at Brides Glen (28) and take a short detour to the old Brides Glen viaduct (24) over Cherrywood Road that once carried the Harcourt Street Line.



Map of Photo Locations around Shankill.

11. Finally, you could pay your respects at a beautiful but very sad site – the Famine and Workhouse Graveyard (25) in the woods behind St. Colmcille's Hospital.

That's it – previous articles are at www.johncoveney.ie/shankill or in a PDF with clickable links at www.johncoveney.ie/scan-photography-series.pdf. Alsocheck out the Shankill Photography group on Facebook

John Coveney Photography is based in Shankill. John captures high-quality images of People, Places and Wildlife, locally and all over Ireland with his phone and his big cameras. You can see his shots at www.johncoveney.ie and on his blog at www.johncoveney.ie/blog. Contact him 087 276 5158 or at pictures@johncoveney.ie and follow and like him on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & Flickr.

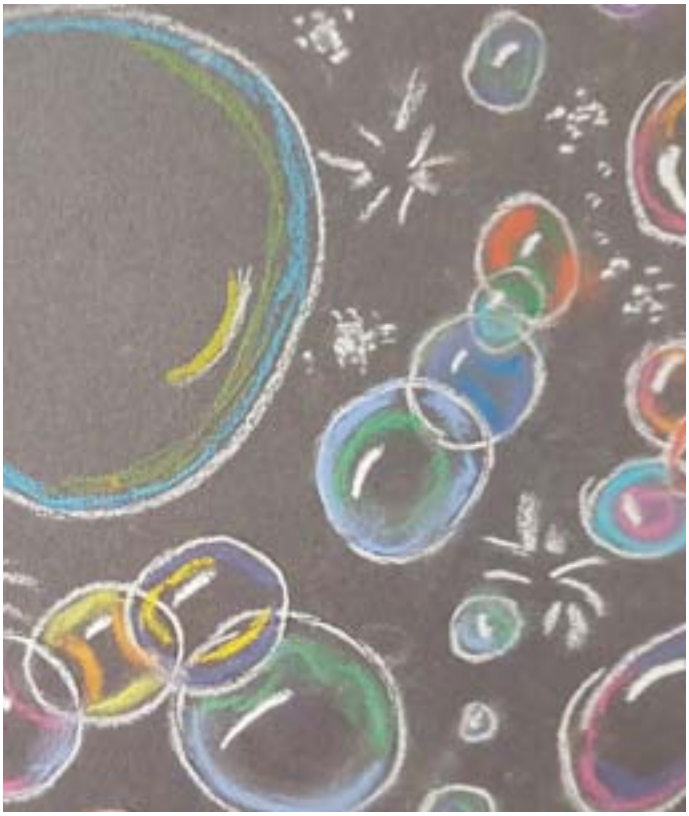
St. Anne's National School

A SPECIAL SPACE

by Hannah Cruise
5th class

Our new Sensory Room which is called 'Aine's Sensory Room' is a calm oasis away from the hustle and bustle of school life. When creating the space, we had a vision in mind of a space that provided comfort and calm that our children could use. The room has many wonderful elements including a bubble tube, infinity tunnel, trampoline, ball tent and a warm comfortable seating area. The room is painted in a soft tranquil blue colour and our projector radiates a lovely marine scene on the wall. All our children have had the opportunity to explore the room and they all agree it is a wonderful space. Some children have even said it's their favourite room ever. It is fantastic to see the children of St Anne's school enjoy the room and we are very lucky.

Sincere thanks to the members of staff who made all this possible!



School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

Rathmichael had great fun with Pancake Day this year. The PTA pulled out all the stops and flipped pancakes all morning to everyone's delight. Each child brought in €2 and the proceeds went towards Crumlin Hospital. This is part of our Global Citizenship Flag where we work towards helping others in the wider community.

Our new nets went up around the Astro Turf. We have been afraid that one day one of our many balls was going to cause an accident on the Dublin Road. Health and Safety is always our first priority. We are relieved to have them there. Many thanks must go to the PTA and their fundraising for paying for these.

Natasha Stanley is going to Romania with her school to build houses. We helped her raise money towards this trip by holding a RED day on Valentine's Day. Children could wear red or hearts into school instead of their uniform. She will return to an assembly and tell us all about her trip. Natasha supplied us all with biscuits which were delicious. Many thanks Natasha. We here at Rathmichael wish her the very best with her venture.

Children these days have so many opportunities. They are very lucky to be able to go abroad so easily. I hope they appreciate the help their parents give them to avail of all of these.

Our new PE coaches from Southside School Sports started with us in February and we are delighted with the energy and enthusiasm they bring with them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank June Lawless and her team for all their work with Afterschool Games over the years. June has been invaluable, reliable and so very capable. We will miss her in Rathmichael and have really appreciated all the work she has done for the school. I have a feeling she will still be seen knitting and sewing with the teachers!!

There was a ceremony held on 7th March to open the new pitches on Stonebridge Road. This has taken a long time and the schools will be extremely grateful to have them to play their matches. The area was originally zoned for business and after many meetings it was re-zoned for Parks. Well done to all involved for achieving so much.

The Connect Crew

A Connect Crew has been set up in Scoil Mhuire to deal with everyday conflict in the yard. The initiative was introduced following Restorative Practice Training for teachers and students. The children were selected by interview, where each child in 4th, 5th and 6th Class had an opportunity to provide reasons why they believed they would be a suitable Connect Crew candidate. The Connect Crew carry their Restorative Cards with them each lunchtime and use them to deal with peer problems in the yard. The crew wear special hoodies which help the children identify them. Each week the values of friendship are reinforced by focusing on its different attributes. Pictured below are the Connect Crew, wearing their hoodies and updating the Check and Connect Noticeboard.

Fourth Class Visit Dalkey Castle

Each year 4th Class visit Dalkey Castle and learn its history. During the visit they experience life as it was in medieval times. They meet people who represent those that lived in the castle at that time and learn what their lives were like. Pictured below are 4th Class with the Lady of the Castle, greeting the arrival of a knight in full armour.

The Student Council Unveiling Ceremony

Scoil Mhuire's past and existing Student Councils' held a very special Assembly this month. Following their great fundraising events, they raised enough money to buy two planters and two playhouses for the school. The playhouses are placed in the Junior Yard each day so the children can play in them. The two planters have been placed in the internal courtyards. One will be planted with bee loving plants. The other, which will be dedicated to St. Francis, will be a small sensory garden. The whole school are enjoying the benefits of the Student Councils' efforts. Well done to them all. Pictured below are this year and last year's Student Council.

Set Dancing

The students of Scoil Mhuire have been learning basic Irish Dancing steps since September. This term, we have asked the teacher, Amy Bergin, to focus on set dancing. The classes take place every Tuesday. The children are really improving and they are enjoying it very much. Below you can see 5th Class practising their steps.

Gemstar

Winners from Laura Barnaville's Gemstar's Group Competition.

Shankill Tennis Club News

Shankill Tennis Club held a successful Open Day on Sunday 11th March. This was an opportunity for local residents and families to visit the club, play tennis, avail of some free coaching and fitness sessions and enjoy delicious home-baked refreshments and our BBQ.

Luckily the rain held off and there was a good turnout of visitors. Thanks to all our volunteers who helped on the day and contributed cakes and treats for the event.

Meanwhile, Winter League has drawn to a close for another year with the Men's teams doing particularly well this year. A highlight was the progression of the Men's No. 2 team reaching the quarter finals only to be beaten by a strong Clane 1 side, while the Men's No. 1 team reached the Class 2 semi-finals only to be vanquished by Castleknock. But terrific matches and competition throughout.

A major international tennis tournament will come to Shankill in April with the hosting of the Takei World Blind Tennis Championships from April 27-30th. Top players will be participating from 12 countries and we encourage local residents to come down to the club to enjoy this form of the game. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates on this event.

And finally, we are very proud of our snazzy new website designed by STC member, and Ireland's No.1 ranked wheelchair player Garreth Greene. Check it out on ***www.shankilltennisclub.com.***

Many thanks Garreth!

St.Anne's Parish and St. James's Crinken were awarded the green flag by Eco-Congregations last Autumn. We are now being asked to advise other parishes about how they can contribute to reducing Climate Change. The word is slowly spreading. St Anne's parish was asked during the weekend of 11th March to pick one suggestion each week from one of four categories, during the rest of Lent. The interest was substantial. The lists can be found on the parish website as of course there is every reason to make the lifestyle changes now and not wait until next Lent if you were away and did not get the message. Water saving shower heads are perhaps the most effective way of saving water, energy and money [Perhaps €200 per year for a cost of €20 , but check they are suitable for your system.

Eco Tip

To bring a kettle to the boil will cost about 2.5c but only .7c if you heat just enough for a mug. If you drink six mugs a day, made at different times, this means a saving of about 42c/day. Not a lot per day perhaps, but about €150 over a year and about 500Kg of CO2.
If all 5000 houses in and around Shankill did this, this change alone would save 2,500tons of CO2 per year.

Local History Society Lectures

Rathmichael Historical Society
Rob Goodbody will present ***'Ballycorus'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday April 4th in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – admission €5.

Mount Merrion Historical Society
Liz Gillis will present ***'The Role of Women in the Irish Revolution 1916 - 1923'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday April 5th in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

Military History Society of Ireland
Prof. Adrian Gregory will present ***'You may as well recruit Germans',*** the conscription crisis 1918 'at 8 p.m. on Friday April 6th in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Irish Railway Record Society
Siobhan Osgood will present ***'Architecture of the Great Northern Railway Ireland'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday April 12th in the IRRS Premises, Hueston Station, Dublin 8. Members and their guests only.

Derek Young will present ***'The End of an Era – The Changing World of the '60st. The Final Days of UTA Steam and Railcars'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday April 26th in the IRRS Premises, Dublin 8. Members and their guests only.

Knocklyon History Society
Michael Quinlivan will present ***'Proxima Paragem – Estoril – The Story of a Resort'*** to the Knocklyon History Society at 8 p.m. on Wednesday April 11th in the Iona Centre, Knocklyon, Templeogue, Dublin 16. All welcome - admission €4.

The Old Dublin Society
Seán Magee will present ***'St. Thomas's Parish Grand Jury Records'*** at 6 p.m. on Wednesday April 11th in Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2.
All welcome – admission free.

Dr. Michael Pegum will present ***'Baggot Street Hospital 60 Years Ago'*** at 6 p.m. on Wednesday April 25th in Dublin City Library & Archive, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.

Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society
Mary McAuliffe will present ***'Women, the Vote and Citizenship: The General Election of 1918'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday April 12th in the Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome – Contribution €3.

Enniskerry History Society
John Lennon will present ***'A History of Main Street, Dundrum, Co. Dublin'*** at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday April 12th in the Powerscourt Arms & Country House Hotel, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – admission €5. Rescheduled from Thursday March 8th.

Foxrock Local History Club
Neal Doherty will present ***'The Complete Guide to the Statues and Sculptures of Dublin'*** at 8 p.m. on Tuesday April 17th in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. Michael O'Flaherty will give a short talk on 'Newtownpark House'. All welcome – admission €5.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society
The Society's AGM and ***'Annual Collectors / Treasure Night'*** will take place at 8 p.m. on Wednesday April 18th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – entrance €3.

Bray Cualann Historical Society
Damien Burke will present ***'Fr. William Doyle (Woodbine Willie)'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday April 19th in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – admission €5.

Publications

'Dun Laoghaire Journal No. 27 (2018)' published by the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society, price €7, produced by a Publication Committee consisting of Mona O'Connell, Seamus O'Connor, Anna Scudds, and Colin Scudds.

Variety of content is a feature of this excellent annual publication and some of the excellent articles in this year's include – ***'The Society 40 Years On'*** by Mona O'Donnell; ***'Dalkey Island Adventure July 2003'*** by the late Sr. Mairead Flynn recalling a visit to this location that year; Family history is covered by Frances Fletcher in ***'The Loughlins and Kingstown'***; Some photo detective work is revealed by Tom Conlon in ***'The Search for Monkstown Livery'***; ***'Woolworth's'*** is recalled by Mary Cassoni; theatre and drama in Dún Laoghaire is recalled Claire Mullan in ***'Gas Company'***; James Scannell continues ***'Dún Laoghaire – Prelude to the Emergency'***; Individuals who lived in the Borough remembered include ***'Robert DeCoeur – Irish Citizen Army and Trade Union Activist'*** by Anna Scudds; ***'The Cheever's family of Monkstown and Killyan – En Dieu est ma Foi'*** by Séamas Cannon; ***'Major Benjamin Walker Nicholson – Veteran of the Battle of Waterloo, 1780-1858'*** by Collin Scudds ; while Susan Barr remembers her grandfather ***'John Blackmore – a story of bravery'*** killed at sea during WW1; Marilyn Nash in ***'Baby Boomers and what they are'***, reveals what was typical food in Dún Laoghaire between 1945 and 1960; The Society's 2017 Annual Outing is recalled by Mona O'Donnell in ***'Here-to-Fore and Tullynally'***; in ***'Where have all the horses gone?'*** Henry Austin recalls the era when horses were any everyday sight on the streets; Frances Browner recalls the Dún Laoghaire of her childhood in ***'A Kings' Town Again'***; Memories of the Dún Laoghaire Picture House aka The Picture House also known as the ***'The Bug House'*** are recalled by Mary Grogan in ***'Further Glimpses of the Bug House'***; Brian Smith remembers a distinguished opera singer in ***'Frederick Ranalow – The Captain Macheath of Monsktown'***; The Society's 2017 Autumn Tour of the Midlands & Environs is recalled by Maria O'Flaherty' while Micheál Hodgins in ***'Remembering the Forgotten'*** looks at the members of Cumann na mBan in South County Dublin and lists all those from the Borough area.

Copies are available from booksellers in Dun Laoghaire, at the Wednesday April 18th 8 p.m. meeting of the Society in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire or via the Society's website – www.dunlaoghairehistorical.com. Back issues No. 15 to No. 26 also available.

PLANNING NOTICES

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we feel that our readers wish to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you feel that they could be of interest to you, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D18A/0141 Date: 16-Feb-2018 Seeking Permission
D18A/0141 DECLARE APPLICATION INVALID Date: 21-Feb-2018
D18A/0184 Date: 28-Feb-2018 Seeking Permission
Simon and Jenny Moore. 1, Eastmount, Seafield, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission is sought for the construction of a 2 storey 34 sqm extension. The development consists of the following works to an existing 2 storey dwelling: A) A 13 sqm single storey extension to the front return as well as the removal of the pitched roof over the return to form a flat roof that wraps around the front and West side of the main building. B) Enlargement of 2 no existing Dormer windows providing an additional 21 sqm. C) Enlargement of the first-floor window on the North Gable. D) Creation of a recessed balcony in the East side roof. E) Alterations to windows and 3 no new roof lights, 1 to single storey extension to the front, and 1 either side of the main roof. F) Widening of the Driveway entrance. G) Repair to front boundary wall. H) Alterations to existing stepped approach to front door. I) Internal alterations and renovations. J) Site landscaping and ancillary site works.

D18A/0165 Date: 22-Feb-2018 Seeking Outline Permission
Shay & Frances Kelly. site to rear of 11 Rathmichael Road with access from Brides Glen Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Outline permission is sought for three-bedroom dormer bungalow, new road entrance, proprietary waste water treatment unit and all associated site works.

D18A/0167 Date: 22-Feb-2018 Seeking Permission
R. Nowlan and D. Ippen. 1-4, Ashwood House, Main Street, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for development comprising of the erection of 1 no. commercial sign comprising of an area of 6m wide x 3m high with fixed strip lighting.

D18A/0169 Date: 22-Feb-2018 Seeking Permission
Gerard, Cheryl & Benjamin Marbach, Riverside Service Station, Shanganagh Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for a new single storey extension to front, side and rear of existing forecourt shop consisting of staff and customer toilets, food preparation area and service counter, cold storage area, staff facilities, food consumption area and extended shop area together with all ancillary site works.

D18A/0182 Date: 28-Feb-2018 Seeking Permission
Eoin & Hazel Keane. 21 Shrewsbury Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for the construction of a single storey flat roof extension to the rear of the dwelling and a pitched roof first floor extension to the side and rear of the dwelling (total area of extension 61 sqm) including 2 no. roof lights in the single storey flat roof extension and 1 no. roof light in the existing pitched roof to the front, amendments to the existing dwelling including a new front entrance porch elevation, new rear patio, for the widening of the existing gated vehicular entrance at the front of the property and for all associated works above and below ground.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D17A/1104 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 14-Feb-2018
Board of Directors of St. Gerard`s School. Thornhill Road, Bray, Co Dublin
Permission for the development of a new two-storey 672 sqm wing to the existing Junior School, a new two-storey 1948 sqm wing to the existing Senior School and associated site works. The proposed development will total 2620 sqm in area and will include the re-alignment of the existing internal road, set-down, car parking facilities, bicycle parking, associated site works and drainage. The works to the Junior School comprise of a new two-storey 672 sqm wing and the modification of 4 X existing classrooms and inclusion of 1 X additional class room, associated toilets and stores. The works to the Senior School comprises a new two-storey 1948 sqm wing linking into the existing building. The new accommodation will provide 4 X science laboratories, 5 X classrooms, a multipurpose room, an office, a general purpose area, associated toilets and stores. The site is within the curtilage of a protected structure.

D17B/0583 REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Date: 15-Feb-2018
Anthony Culley. Bruion Caortainn, Ballybride Road, Rathmichael,
Co Dublin
Permission to connect the existing garage to the single storey house and convert it to a utility room, wc and study.

D17A/0972 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 28-Feb-2018
Tudor Homes Ltd. Aubrey House, Quinns Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin (A Protected Structure)
Permission for the re-design of the vehicular access, incorporating the existing entrance and associated walls and the modification to the layout incorporating the boundary treatment between the existing dwelling and the proposed site.

D17B/0599 GRANT PERMISSION Date 26-Feb-2018
Pamela Whelan and David Finn, 9 Library Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for a single storey rear extension (floor area of proposed 107 sqm) onto the existing house (floor area of existing house 59.8 sqm). and the demolition of the existing lean to kitchen extension, existing outbuildings (old toilets) and free standing timber shed.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA
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APPEAL DECISIONS OF AN BORD PLEANÁLA

D17A/0454 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 15-Feb-2018
Council's Decision: REFUSE PERMISSION
JCON Construction Limited. Site at Sherrington Lodge, Dublin Road, Shankill, Co Dublin
Permission for demolition of single storey gate lodge, new relocated vehicular and pedestrian entrances and the construction of 2 X three storey 3 bedroom houses with integral garages and 1 X three storey 4 bedroom house in one 3 storey block and all associated site works

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Typical APR	10.96%
Total Amount Repayable	€1,574.15

Warning: If you do not meet the repayments on your credit agreement, your account will go into arrears. This may affect your credit rating, which may limit your ability to access credit in the future.

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